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Campus embraces Class of 2022

A warm welcome to our newest Musketeers! The next few days will be full of introductions of all kinds, so consider this your Newswire introduction. Check out some of the other new additions to campus highlighted below, and keep reading the Newswire as we continue to welcome a new school year.



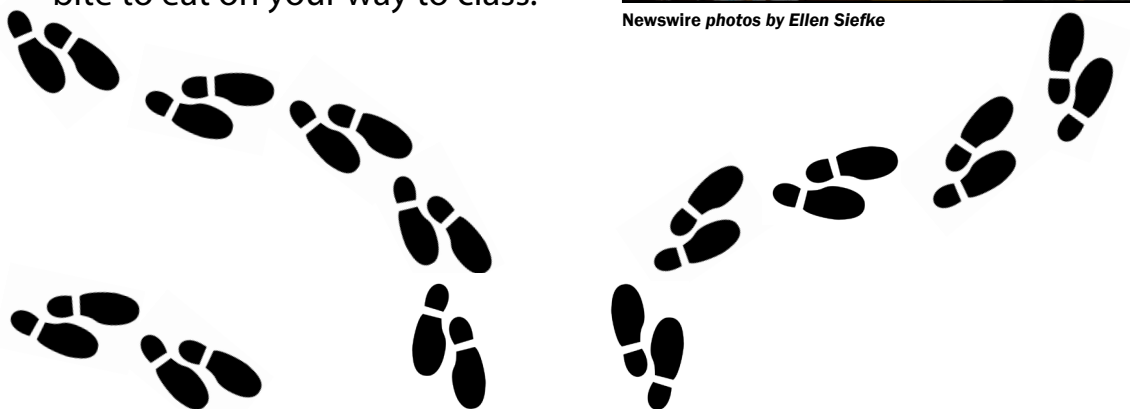
Take advantage of the last few moments of peace and quiet before the year begins and check out the new Our Lady of Peace Chapel. Spend time inside the chapel or sit outside in the garden in the back. The building is open from 7 a.m.-9 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m.-5 pm. on the weekends.



Start the day off right with a trip to the newly opened Victory Perk in the Gallagher Student Center. The shop offers coffee, pastries, fruit and more — perfect for a quick bite to eat on your way to class.



Newswire photos by Ellen Siefke



A recently demolished lot next to Kuhlman Hall provides a spot to study, read or simply relax. Grab something to sit on and a pair of sunglasses, and you're set. Pickup games of any kind are also a good option.

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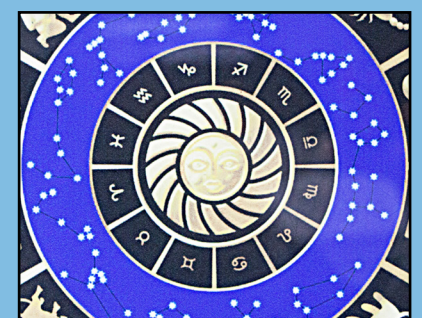
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Group leaders' hopes for Manresa

BY HEATHER GAST
Campus News Editor



"To know that all the first-years are excited to be here and the process of going from home to college is as easy as it could be."

Johnny Srsich

Senior Philosophy, Politics and the Public major



"I believe that the Xavier community is about love, and I think that when we think about the big picture, which is life after Xavier, you have to look at the little pieces, like your first year and Manresa. Manresa is about love and acceptance and about all the little pieces that make the Xavier community special, and I hope to welcome the first-years and show them that."

Gabby Lisi

Senior criminal justice and theology Major



"I hope to form lasting relationships with the first-years, as well as watch them forming relationships amongst themselves. I hope to make this a good experience for everyone."

Lily Vardanyan

Junior marketing major

"I hope to successfully prepare my small group as they begin their journey at Xavier."

Caroline Puryear

Sophomore public relations major

"I want to make Xavier an inclusive and welcoming space for first-years."

Nicole Armour

Senior marketing major

"To welcome first-year students as well as also see their lives and see them adjust to campus. I think it's a really great program."

Tom Heisterkamp

Senior marketing major

News wire staff's picks: Week of Welcome 2018

Seven of the 90+ free events that News wire editors are looking forward to

BY HEATHER GAST
Campus News Editor

At the beginning of each semester, Xavier's student organizations, offices and departments are invited to host events for students during the "Week of Welcome." Students can enjoy a wide variety of entertainment, free food and goodies.

Managing Editor Kevin Thomas' pick: Pups and Popsicles, presented by 4 Paws for Ability

Why: "I mean, the name says it all!"

When: Monday, Aug. 21, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Where: Husman Stage (Rain location: Gallagher Student Center (GSC) Concourse)

Opinions and Editorial Editor Ryan Kambich's pick: *Avengers: Infinity War* Screening, presented by the Office of Student Involvement

Why: "I remember seeing *Jurassic Park* out on the lawn my first year, and I really like the *Avengers*, so it's a mix of nostalgia and awesome movie-ness."

When: Tuesday, Aug. 22, from 8:30-11:30 p.m.

Where: Xavier Yard North (Rain location: Arrupe Overlook)

Sports Editor Luke Feliciano's pick: Taste of Cincinnati, presented by Student Activities Council.

Why: "I'm excited for the free food. If you're not from the area, it's a great way to try local eateries."

When: Wednesday, Aug. 23, 5-7 p.m.

Where: Xavier North Yard
Editor-in-Chief Ellen Siefke's pick: Trivia and Icecream, presented by Students for Life

Why: "I'm a huge fan of trivia and I'm also a huge fan of ice cream, so combining them sounds like a fantastic idea."

When: Wednesday, Aug. 22, 8:30-10 p.m.

Where: Alter Hall 107
Campus News Editor Heather Gast's pick:

Mixing it Up with Alternative Breaks, presented by Alternative Breaks

Why: "I'm excited to hear about people's service trips, and I like to use the cute cup you get to water my plants!"

When: Thursday, Aug. 23, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Where: Xavier South Yard
Rain location: GSC 1st Floor

Features Editor Soondos Mulla-Ossman's pick: Eid Celebration, presented by

Muslim Student Association and Center for Faith and Justice

Why: "I know the food will be amazing, and it's a really great opportunity to meet other Muslims who also want to celebrate as well as people interested in the celebration and history of the celebration."

When: Thursday, Aug. 23, 5:30-7 p.m.

Where: Arrupe Overlook
Head Copy Editor Hannah Schulz's pick: Consent and FRIES presented by Xavier Students Against Sexual Assault

Why: "I hope it aims to educate people more about sexual assault occurrences on campus."

When: Friday, Aug. 24, 4:30-5:45 p.m.

Where: Xavier Yard North
Rain location: GSC 1st Floor

Staff Writer Katie Nichol's pick: Muskies After Dark: Carnival, presented by SAC

Why: "It's always great to get some tasty food and potentially win a prize. I also look forward to the illusionist, which never fails to stun me."

When: Friday, Aug. 24, 9 p.m.-12 a.m.

Where: GSC and Xavier Yard



Photo courtesy of OrgSync

Alternative Breaks is a student organization that organizes educational service trips that focus on social justice issues during Xavier's Fall and Spring breaks. Above, the Spring 2017 trip focusing on the coal industries' effect on the ecosystems of Appalachia group poses on a train before a week of work in the foothills of Appalachia.



Photo courtesy of Abigail Beekman

4 Paws for Ability is a student organization that trains service dogs, like Fuji pictured above. The club holds events designed to help socialize dogs where students are encouraged to pet the dogs in training. When seen around campus, however, club members ask Xavier students to refrain from petting these lovable canines.

Proposals presented at Policy Pitch

City Council member PG Sittenfeld hosted an event to hear the public's ideas



Photo courtesy of P.G. Sittenfeld's Facebook page
Derrick Braziel (left) shakes hands with PG Sittenfeld (right) at the end of the Policy Pitch Night. Braziel proposed that the city create an office for minority business growth and innovation for entrepreneurs. The crowd voted on each of the five proposals and decided that Braziel's was best.

By **KEVIN THOMAS**
Managing Editor

City Councilmember PG Sittenfeld hosted what he called a “Policy Pitch Night” on Monday, where members of the Cincinnati community pitched ideas for public policy they want to be put into place. Sittenfeld put the event together with a group called Bridgeable, which is focused on community engagement, and with the assistance of

City Councilmember Chris Seelbach and Assistant City Manager Sheila Hill-Christian, who were both in attendance. The event, which took place at People’s Liberty on Elm Street, had a packed house, according to WKRC Cincinnati. “I think it’s a good idea (to hear the community’s ideas for policy),” Economics, Sustainability and Society major Haley Hayes said. “You have

to listen to the community’s voice.” As a part of one of her required classes, Hayes talked about how she had to speak in front of the council and propose an idea to make the city more sustainable and how it seemed like the students’ ideas weren’t listened to properly. “By doing this I feel like it makes (city council) actually pay attention to the voices,” Hayes said. “They’re kind

of required to, in a way, so I think it’s a really great idea.” There were around 30 policy ideas originally submitted to Sittenfeld and Bridgeable, but only five of those were chosen as finalists. The five finalists were Alex Heilan, Pamela Kaufman, Tina Dyehouse, a group of four women (Maria Piombo, Holly Hankinson, Grace Hauck and Ashlin Lindsey) and Derrick Braziel. Heilan’s proposal was, according to WKRC Cincinnati, “to create a Cincinnati Brand to help define the city and attract more businesses and people.” Kaufman hoped to create a city office dedicated to fighting homelessness through centralizing efforts to help

persons experiencing homelessness. Dyehouse proposed that the city create a digital ombudsman, which is generally a person who would receive complaints and answer questions on behalf of officials. Piombo, Kankinson, Hauck and Lindsey wanted to promote gender inclusion on city appointed boards and commissions as a way to get more fair representation in the local government. Braziel, who presented on behalf of the urban entrepreneurship group MORTAR, proposed that the city create an office for minority business growth and innovation for entrepreneurs, per WKRC. Sittenfeld expressed his excitement before the event, comparing it to Shark Tank, a TV show where people propose their business ideas to investors.

“I think the ritual of pitch events that you see in the start up community could be extrapolated and deployed for the good when it comes to government, too, so we’re really excited to see what comes out of this,” Sittenfeld said. “There’s a little bit of a dynamic for this as a *Shark Tank* for policy but with much nicer, kinder judges.” Despite the judges in this case being Sittenfeld, Seelbach and Hill-Christian, the ultimate decision was made by the crowd, who voted on each of the proposals with a marble that was given to them when they entered the building. The winning proposal was Braziel’s, meaning that Sittenfeld has to get to work on writing policy that would help minority business owners and innovate small businesses.

Week in review

What you may have missed

- It seems that no jobs, not even packing school lunches, are immune to outsourcing. *The Chicago Tribune* reported that catering businesses nationwide have begun offering options for delivering meals to students during their lunch periods. Business owners and parents cite the stress of packing their kids’ lunches day after day as the reason for summoning such services (Aug. 10).
- A theme park in France has taken a new approach to keeping its grounds clean: turning to nature itself, specifically to big, black birds. The staff is training six crows to pick up litter by rewarding them with food nuggets each time they retrieve a piece of trash and deposit it into the rubbish bin (Aug. 11).
- A German man called police to report a serious issue: He was being pursued by a baby squirrel. Karlsruhe police responded promptly to the scene and initiated their

own pursuit of the animal, which fell asleep after being caught. The police department has declared the critter its new mascot and dubbed it Karl-Friedrich (Aug. 12).

- Mexico police discovered cocaine hidden in bread rolls at a Guadalajara airport. Each of the 15 rolls contained 120 grams of the drug, totaling around \$270,000. Nothing was reported with regard to the quality of the rolls themselves (Aug. 13).
- A New Jersey couple’s wedding bliss was interrupted by a sudden onslaught of rain and flooding that trapped them in their car. Local police helped the two climb out through the car’s sunroof to safety. Despite the stormy start to their marriage, the couple is now happily honeymooning in Jamaica, where the forecast calls for clear skies (Aug. 13).



Photo courtesy of Polizei Baden-Württemberg
This baby squirrel reportedly chased a German man until it was captured by police.

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SGA Execs: State of the Campus

To all those new members of the Xavier community, let us start by saying welcome to campus!

We'd like to begin this fall's State of the Campus address with a quick recap from where we left off last spring and how we plan to move forward into the new school year. Our last major project of the 2017-18 school year was the "We Will Not Be Next" walk-out in memory of those who

have lost their lives in school shootings since Columbine 19 years ago. Though our campus is safe under the protection of Xavier Police, it is still critical that our entire campus is trained to Run, Hide, Fight. We have been working, and will continue to work, with XU Police Chief Dan Hect to find the best way to reach all students who are interested in learning how to defend themselves.

On that note, we are committed to continue the dialogue surrounding gun violence in our nation and how it affects different groups on our campus. We will be working with Taj Smith and the Center for Diversity and Inclusion as well as other departments around campus to have courageous conversations that will act as a forum for all members of our community to speak out about how gun violence impacts our nation.

There is currently an on-

going movement among Jesuit Student Governments to create a student branch of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities. We as executives have been working this summer to create a constitution and a committee under which this organization will be managed.

The purpose of this branch is to improve the consistency and clarity of communication between student leaders. This process has been motivated by the fact that each of our universities are having the same issues surrounding communication, and we hope to collaborate and address some of these larger issues together.

On campus, developments are ongoing for Gallagher Student Center (GSC) dining options. As many of you may well know, the three restaurants that previously occupied GSC have been closed and will be replaced by new establishments before the end of the

semester. With construction ongoing, ConneX has taken care to ensure that our campus has viable food options so students are able to access a meal if they are unable to eat in the cafeteria.

CLC will host a student run restaurant that will be open at the start of the semester. In addition to this, the coffee shops will be serving fresh grab-and-go foods, and there will be a pop-up deli in the Fenwick atrium during lunch hours. And finally, for this semester only, all off-campus dining that previously accepted X-Cash will now be accepting dining dollars from all Xavier students with their ALLCards.

SGA has many initiatives in the works as well for the upcoming year. Senators have been working on finding a way to reduce the amount of single-use plastic bottles through the use of reusable water bottles. Other proj-

ects include the distribution of consent magnets to all on-campus students for the start of the year to ensure that all students fully understand what consent is and how to properly obtain it. There will also be a renters fair to aid students who are looking to move off campus and want help in finding good landlords that will treat you fairly.

There is quite a lot more, so we encourage anyone who is interested in what we are doing to come to our Senate meetings on Monday from 3-5 p.m. in the Office of Student Involvement. There is also a suggestion box outside of our office on the second floor of Gallagher that is open to all public comments.

We look forward to getting to know the new faces around campus and catching up with the ones we know well.

On behalf of the SGA Executives, here's to a great new year.



Johnny Srsich, Brianna Boyce and Cole Stautberg are the Executives of the Student Government Association.

What I learned from my summer internship

I feel like all I ever hear is that you need to have internships. People always say that internships are essential and how they help with future job placement because they show interest and show you are passionate about the job.

I might be the only kid I know who has a deep passion for urbanism and urban planning and is willing to spend their free time researching the history behind it. It makes sense that I would try to find an internship working in planning, so that's what I did. I got an internship in the small city of Hamilton, Ohio, a long struggling Rust Belt city.

For anyone who knows me, it sounds like the perfect internship. Hamilton is working on a new comprehensive plan

and is undergoing a huge revitalization. I went to work and put my whole self into everything I did, trying to learn as much as possible. I was excited to work in a new city I didn't know much about while working for a Xavier graduate.

The first week was rough, the second — not much better. I thought maybe I was having a hard time adjusting to a work environment from school or I was just awkward around new people. I would get distracted from the work that I thought I was passionate about. I found myself on social media instead of enraptured in my job.

I started showing up late and leaving early while still taking the longest lunch

break possible. I truly was not enjoying my internship.

For weeks I have been dreading the conversation that I know I will be having hundreds of times during the first week of classes: "So, how was your summer?"

I know that most people simply want to hear the basic "Oh, it was amazing, I had a great internship," but will I really be able to tell that lie? It wasn't amazing — but what am I supposed to say?

Looking back on it now, it wasn't the people or the place. I thought I would love the job and the work, but something was missing. It wasn't until I got to interact with people in the public that I knew what I was missing. I learned that the only way that I could be happy was to get back to working with people.

Looking back on this whole experience, even with the long days and seemingly quick lunches, I did learn something. I learned that I needed to interact with people, and whether those people were the

public or just my coworkers, I couldn't work in a cubicle.

I learned something about myself that I couldn't have learned otherwise. Because of my major and the internships that usually come with it, I am used to interacting with people. I took for granted that all jobs were based in personal interactions. I never knew that it was something that I couldn't work without.

This is what internships should be for. We, as students and as a university, need to stress to our community that internships should be about learning and not future job security.

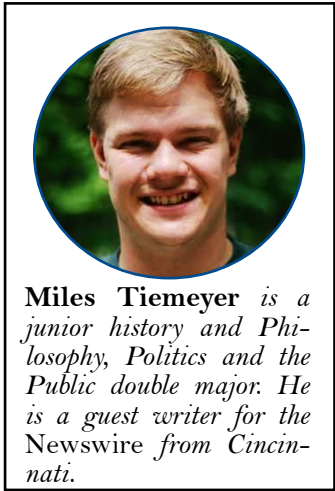
Internships are about coming to understand who you are and what you like, not networking with professionals in a field you may not even end

up in. If I learned anything this summer it's that when you look for an internship, you

shouldn't look for the most prestigious company or having the best network at the end.

You should look for a place where you'll be happy with the work you're doing, and maybe you'll learn a little something along the way.

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Some advice to first-years

As we get closer to the beginning of this school year, I want to take this opportunity to share some of my best advice with our newest Xavier students.

I should put out a disclaimer here that I am not at all perfect and that you can take this advice with a grain of salt if you want. However, I am going to be a junior here in a few

days and have learned a lot throughout my time at Xavier so far, so here are some of my biggest take-aways from my first two years in college.

First of all, don't let Manresa scare you away. I was way too introverted to like Manresa; the chants alone were enough to make me question if Xavier was the right place for me.

Obviously, I wasn't a huge Manresa fan, but you should also know that you do learn a lot of valuable things about Xavier and transitioning to life on your own. You may not make all your best friends within the first three days, but don't let three days of orientation defeat you.

Speaking of friends, you'll make them, I promise. I am not going to lie, I am not always the most approachable person. I was so scared coming into college because I knew that I don't make friends easily. That being said, I have

made friends for life here. My random roommates, whom I was admittedly very pessimistic about prior to move-in, are still my roommates two years later, and I can't imagine my life without them. I've made friends in some of the most unlikely places; you just have to be open minded about it.

Something else that you should be open-minded about is student involvement. One of the best things about Xavier is that you can be as involved as you want to be, but that also leaves a lot of room for people to distance themselves. Try new clubs or find a job on campus. Staying involved will open so many opportunities for you to meet new people or to learn about a whole new part of yourself. I came into the *NewsWire* with

no journalism experience, so you can always end up finding something that you didn't even know you loved if you just try it.

My next piece of advice would be take classes just because you're interested in them. Everyone has core requirements that they have to fulfill, but try to fill them with

interesting courses.

I know that a lot of people come into college thinking that they know

what they want to do, which, as rare as that is, could be possible. The more likely story, however, is that you will change majors at some point and you will find a different path for yourself.

One corny but true piece of advice, and it's probably the last thing your parents said to you before they dropped you

off: Have fun. College is a time to find things you love and things you hate and to have fun while you do it. Study hard and do your best so that you stay successful, but you really will remember the fun you had the most.

Xavier teaches us to be men and women for and with others. You are all coming into Xavier with a fresh start, and my best advice is to try and be the best version of yourself, for you and everyone around you.

It's ok to call your mom crying because you miss home, and it's just as ok if you don't miss your high school life as much as you thought you would.

Sometimes your freshman year is about learning how to grow up more than learning about calculus or astronomy. At the end of the day, you're going to get out of Xavier what you put in it, so give it an honest shot.



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Hear me out: Cats are better than dogs

I know. I know. Just by glancing at this title, die-hard dog people might rip this section to shreds while cat worshippers will neatly trim this piece, frame it and mount it on their ever-growing cat altar.

Folks get understandably defensive over their house pet of preference, especially if they've had the pleasure to consider one a member of the family. Just like a family member, not all memories you may share with that pet are positive.

From potty accidents, to damaged furniture, to health scares — all manner of things could go awry. These, however, are nothing compared to the positive experiences. Why else would your phone's photo album be completely swamped with adorable pictures of your pet(s)?

Before I get into why cats are the superior house pet in this historic rivalry, it would be heinous of me to ignore the merits of a dog. There's a reason why they are called "man's best friend," after all. A cat's loyalty pales in compari-

son to that of a canine, whose eagerness to please is why they've even made careers for themselves in canine units on police forces and sniffers for unauthorized materials in airports.

Media appear eager to portray cats as bratty, spoiled creatures who care nothing for their human owners.

Take Gargamel's cat Azrael from the *Smurfs* franchise, or that cat from *Cinderella* called Lucifer, or even Cruella de Vil's cat from *101 Dalmatians* (the novel).

Either these cats are owned by villains, or they are villains themselves. Or both. They block protagonists from their goals because they are selfish creatures who disregard any desires beyond their own — and sometimes even their owners.

Notice how these examples of villainous cats all appear in media aimed at children. Would a child's perception of

cats slant towards the negative if they were not exposed to them outside of this presented media? Most likely.

While dogs have evolved and been selectively bred by humans to serve specific purposes, cats have remained largely the same throughout history.

The same, however, cannot be said for perception. In ancient Egypt, the feline was worshipped. Deceased cats were mummified and treated

with the same respect as humans. Statues were constructed in honor of

Bastet, a cat goddess represented as half feline, half woman.

From a less mythological/social standpoint, cats were — and are — invaluable to ecosystems. They are capable of eliminating rodents that would otherwise spread disease among concentrated

human populations. This was how the cat was "domesticated" — people noticed that cats were taking care of the rodent problem, and so to support them they provided them food, water and shelter.

In fact, the "Black Death" plague that devastated Europe could partly be blamed on the absence of cats. Because of a witch scare, Europeans set out to exterminate cats — which in turn led to an overpopulation of rodents. Even if rats were not direct carriers of the plague, their invasion of streets, homes and other spaces meant a severe lack of hygiene and thus a dangerous vulnerability to rampant spreading of the disease.

Speaking of that, while dogs regularly groom themselves and have their own systems for keeping clean, they can't hold a candle to their feline counterparts. Perhaps most significantly, a cat's tongue is nature's version of a comb. It possesses tiny keratin hooks specifically designed to pick up shedded fur and other particles. Ever wondered why a cat was softer than a dog?

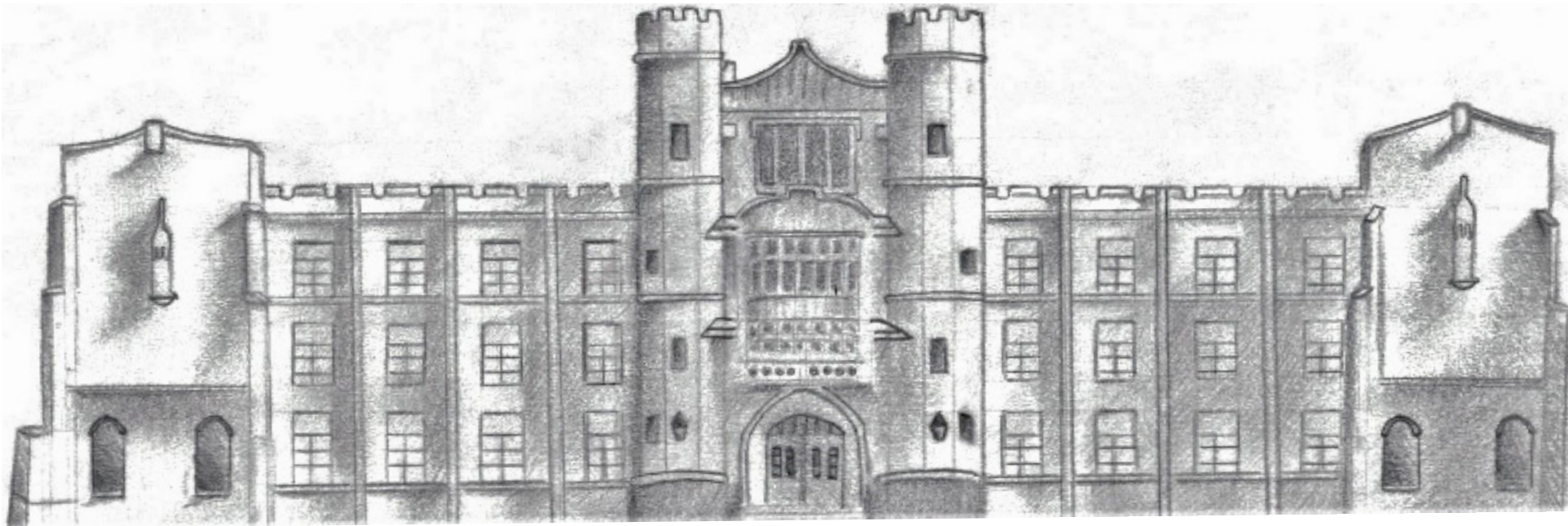
Ever wondered why they don't smell as much as dogs? Well, now you know.

Also, it's far easier to potty train them than dogs because of their natural instinct to carefully bury their waste. They don't, bark and the sound of their purr actually has health benefits ranging from reducing stress to strengthening bones.

So those are my two cents in the cats vs. dogs argument. Sure dogs might be man's best friend, but cats are definitely man's coolest.



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Xavier athletics: A year in review

By **DONNIE MENKE**
Staff Writer

Collectively, Xavier sports saw achievements ranging from individual to team success and much of the same is hoped for in the 2018-19 season.

With the fall sports season fast approaching, here is a glance at how Musketeers athletics fared last year.

Baseball: The Musketeers relied on many underclassmen and finished with a 20-35 record after losing numerous starters to the MLB Draft. Allbry Major was named the Big East Freshman of the Year and was named to the All-Big East Second Team.

Men's Basketball: Xavier earned its first No. 1 seed in program history and won the Big East regular season title before falling in the Round of 32. Trevon Bluiett eclipsed the 2,000-point mark and closed out his Xavier career in second place on the all-time scoring list.

Women's Basketball: Jada Byrd and Imani Partlow led the team in scoring as Xavier finished with a 10-20 record.

Men's Cross Country: Jack Hautz and Evan Brit-



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Former Xavier guard Trevon Bluiett (right) was instrumental to the Musketeers' success last season as he eclipsed the 2,000-point mark while helping Xavier garner its first No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament.

ton were among the best on the team last season, and the team finished eighth at the Big East Championships.

Women's Cross Country: Madeline Britton set a school record and made it to the NCAA Championships, Jenna Clayworth posted a top-15 time in Xavier history and the team finished 14th at the Great Lakes Regional Championship.

Men's Golf: Garrett Wood finished eighth at the Big East

Championship. The team steadily improved throughout the season and finished in sixth at the Big East Championship.

Women's Golf: After a stellar year, the team finished third at the Big East Championship, with Mikayla Smith, Mikayla Fitzpatrick and Andie Shukow each posting top-15 finishes.

Men's Soccer: The men's soccer team posted an 11-6-3 record that included an

away win over No. 22 Boston College and a 1-0 home win over No. 9 Georgetown. Matt Vasquenza led the team with nine goals.

Women's Soccer: The women's team finished with an 8-8-4 record as Sydney Schembri led the team with six goals. Under first-year head coach Nate Lie, the Musketeers reached the Big East playoffs for the first time in program history.

Men's Swimming: Sam

Johanns and Matthew Dyer posted strong performances at the Big East Championship as the team finished fourth.

Women's Swimming: Emily Conners and Paxton Drew led the team at the Big East Championship as the team finished fourth.

Men's Tennis: The men's team finished the season with a 5-16 record as Jack Dykema led the team with nine singles wins.

Women's Tennis: The women's team finished with a 13-11 overall record, which included a victory over No. 5 Seton Hall in the Big East Tournament.

Men's Track and Field: Grayson Jenkins and Zachary Polk each posted top-five finishes at the Big East Championships as Xavier finished seventh.

Women's Track and Field: Madeline Britton made the NCAA Championship to cap off a good season for the women.

Volleyball: The volleyball team finished 13-19 on the season, as Laura Grossman led the team in kills and Mackenzi Humm led the team in assists.

Opinion: NCAA rule offers little change

By **JACK DUNN**
Campus News Editor

The NCAA announced new rule changes with regard to basketball players with hopes of playing in the NBA this past week.

The changes aim to address issues brought forth by a commission that was created in response to the FBI investigation into college hoops last year.

However, I'm not quite sure that these rule changes, while they may be a step in the right direction, really alter much of the landscape for these elite prospects.

I'll start with the first change. Those players who enter their name into the NBA Draft but do not hear their names called will now be eligible to return to their schools and play out the next season.

This is different from the previous rules where players would have to withdraw their names from the draft within 10 days of the NBA combine. Those who did not withdraw their names would be considered free agents, who could choose to sign with any team they'd like.

While this rule sounds great on paper, there is only a very limited number of players who will benefit from it.

Most players who go to the combine know roughly where they stand with NBA teams and if they are likely to go in the first or second rounds, with the potential of being



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Admidst a wave of scandals that recently swept over college basketball, NCAA President Mark Emmert (center) is hopeful that the new rule changes to NBA Draft eligibility will ultimately benefit student athletes.

signed as an undrafted free agent.

If they know that they aren't going to be picked in one of these three things, they withdraw from the draft and go back to school.

There are also financial questions of how this rule is going to work.

The NCAA is requiring schools to provide scholarships for those players who choose to return.

While many of the elite schools already do this, even for players who are up to 10 years removed from their playing days, how will smaller schools pay for scholarships that haven't been budgeted yet?

The NCAA claims they will set up a fund that will help provide for these smaller schools, but there is no guar-

antee that this will work.

One of the other big rule changes is how the NCAA handles agents.

The NCAA will allow players to hire agents as long as these agents complete a certification as well as request an evaluation from the NBA's Undergraduate Advisory Committee.

In addition, high school prospects who are designated "elite prospects" by USA Basketball can now hire agents, provided that the NBA changes its age limit.

Still with me? Good. Again, while this sounds good on paper, I'm not totally confident it will work well in practice.

What kind of a certification process can an agent go through that makes them truly a good agent? Who says

that these agents aren't going to just abuse these players for their own benefit?

This was also all announced without consultation of USA Basketball, as well as the NBA.

Both organizations seemed just as puzzled by this announcement as the rest of us.

There are many more rule changes that the NCAA announced in an attempt to fix the issues of corruption in college basketball, but in a way, they just created more problems.

Instead of taking meaningful steps to end corruption, they just tried to mask it with more confusing rules. Maybe one day they'll actually address what the FBI investigated — but I don't see these rules making a difference anytime soon.

Sports Banter

Are you flipping kidding me?

There was an outcry over Cubs infielder David Bote's walk-off grand slam against the Nationals last Sunday because of his emphatic bat flip. Objectors claimed it was disrespectful.

It's Showtime! Or maybe not...

Per *Awful Announcing*, Showtime announced that this season it will not be producing its college football series entitled *A Season With* that follows a team through training camp.

Leaving no chinks in the armor

A CNBC report stated that Coca-Cola has purchased a minority share of BodyArmor, a sports drink endorsed by famous athletes such as Kobe Bryant and Mike Trout.

The good ole glory days

The annual Little League World Series is set to begin on Thursday with a slate of first-round games scheduled to take place before the start of the weekend.

First Purge offers a welcome reset

The latest addition to the Purge series is actually what the franchise needed

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Admittedly, the *Purge* series was never my favorite after the second and third movies completely ruined the franchise. It felt like a reset was necessary, and *The First Purge* delivered exactly what the series needed by exploring the origin of the government-sponsored murder fest.

What the movie does very well is subvert expectations where necessary. I must spoil the movie to talk about how good it is, so spoiler warning. What I expected from the movie was not at all what I got. First, they subverted exactly what everyone was thinking when the Purge began. We all expected *immediate* death and violence. Yet... we got a block party. I'm dead serious. The citizens of Staten Island held a *block party*. I was completely caught off guard, but the choice made sense and I liked it so much more than if everyone had gone right toward killing, which leads me to my next point.

The deaths had so much more impact because there were fewer of them. The tighter focus on specific characters garnered far more sympathy from me because their personalities were high-



Photo courtesy of IMDb

Online Editor Trevor McKenzie thinks *The First Purge* brought the series exactly where it needed to go with its humor and strong characters. He also praised the wonderful tension in all of the characters' relationships.

lighted more. There were about seven characters with strong personalities, and the rest were side-characters who were equally engaging. There didn't feel like a single wasted character in this movie, and you knew exactly where you stood with them the minute they were on screen. I attribute this both to the excellent dialogue and the talented actors. Both the audience and

I verbally expressed dismay when certain characters were killed off and cheered when we finally got to see the main five characters defend themselves successfully from the government-planted murderers.

The third thing the movie did right was have *comedy*. I cannot express with enough gusto how much comedy improves a horror movie. Any

horror movie that takes itself too seriously is going to bore the audience to the bad kind of death. *The First Purge* had a healthy mix of humor and horror throughout, primarily led by actress Mugga's sassy portrayal of Dolores. The main characters had plenty of comedic moments as well and lots of tension building that resulted in non-violent but hilarious payoffs.

There's great tension between siblings Nya (Lex Scott Davis) and Isaiah (Joivan Wade) to drive conflict but not overshadow the tender care and love they share for each other.

There's a surprising, well-written relationship rebuild plot between Nya and Dmitri (Y'lan Noel), her gang leading ex-boyfriend (it doesn't result in them getting back together, which was another welcomed subversion). There was even a government conspiracy subplot that made sense led by actress Marisa Tomei's character. That barely scratches the surface of some of the amazing characters, like the psychotic drug-gie Skeletor (Rotimi Paul).

Director Gerard McMurray and writer James DeMonaco really pushed this movie where it needed to go. I wouldn't call *The First Purge* camp, but I would absolutely call it a movie to watch. More importantly, it adds incredibly important context to the *Purge* series and has a powerful leading cast that carries the entire movie on their shoulders with Atlas-like professionalism. I'm excited to see where *The Purge* goes next, if they don't choose to end on this high note.

Go pop some tags: A guide to local thrift shops

It's time to pick out your first day of school outfit! No need to stress about price at these under-the-radar spots that offer a plethora of good finds:

The Snooty Fox

This secondhand store is a little more high end but carries clothes for all genders and sizes! They usually have more name brand items for sale.

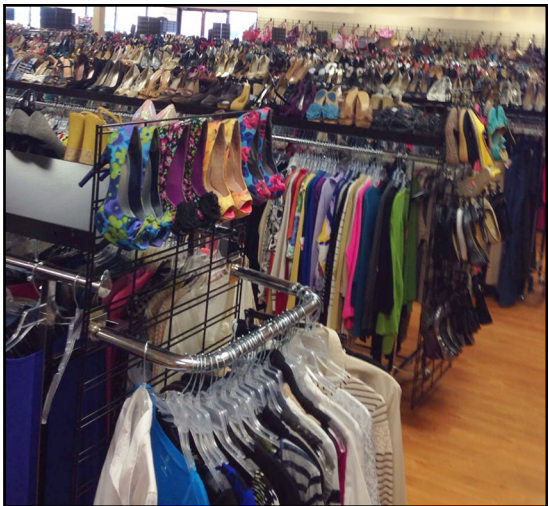
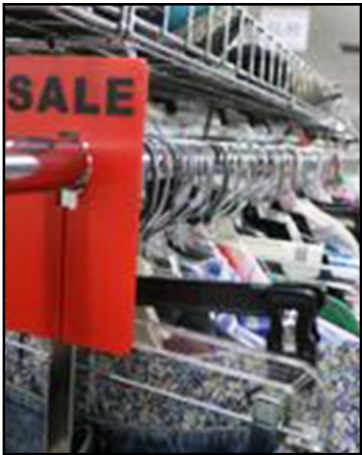
Hours:
Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday noon-5 p.m.



St. Vincent DePaul

This store holds goodies of all kinds! It tends to be a little on the less expensive side, which is good if you're looking for a large haul!

Hours:
Monday-Saturday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.



Clothes Mentor

This store hosts a wide variety of styles and sizes. They are located in Hyde Park Plaza across from Snooty Fox, so you can make it a whole shopping day!

Hours:
Monday-Saturday 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Rainbow

This shop has trendy styles at a convenient location off Montgomery Road. Rainbow isn't a secondhand store, so they have more consistent sizes.

Hours:
Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Sunday noon-6 p.m.



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Aries: Auto-correct really doesn't like you this week. Type very slowly and very carefully.



Taurus: As you're packing and getting ready to move in, take some time to poke through your little box of childhood memories.



Gemini: With all these movie sequels flying left and right, re-watch the originals and marvel to yourself about how the first ones are always, always better.



Cancer: Welcome to the Queen City, where your wallet gains sentience, climbs out of your pocket and leaps at literally everything in sight.



Leo: Challenge yourself to respond to text messages using nothing but gifs for a day. It's actually a great way of forcing yourself to slow down and think about what you're sending.



Virgo: Now's the time to forgive your dog for peeing on your Valentino white bag. If you're leaving home for school, you won't get another chance for a while.

Comic courtesy of Dami Lee

CROP TOPS



Some quick tips from a Xavier senior

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So school is a thing that's happening soon. Like, really soon. Trust me, I've got the same mixed bag of emotions you do, and I've been doing this for three years. When I first stumbled around campus during Manresa, I can't even begin to explain how lost I felt. None of my high school friends came with me to this school — so literally everything was foreign to me. The students, the buildings, the instructors — everything was new, and everything was strange. Add that to the fact that I was horrifically introverted and saddled with helicopter parents who discouraged any form of socializing, and things got pretty tough.

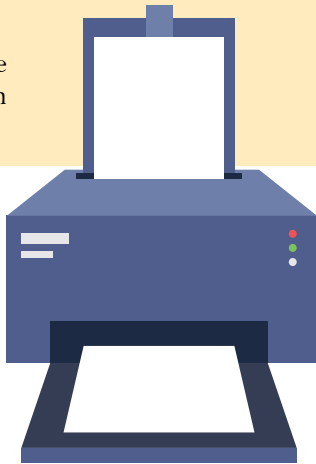
Don't worry, though! I've compiled a little list of things I wish I'd known when I first started out as a student here. Whether you're new or returning, I hope that at least one of these makes your transition into the Xavier community a little smoother.

- If you like eggs, the cafeteria has incredible custom omelets. These are typically only available until 11 a.m., however, so plan accordingly. There's also custom pasta, which is only available in the afternoon.
- Got dining dollars? You can actually use them in the All For One Shop in the Gallagher Student Center, so long as you're spending them on food.
- Want to study in Alter Hall, but all the rooms are full? When you walk toward the front entrance, take a hard left and go down the ramp/stairs. It'll take you to Hailstones, a building I had no idea existed till my sophomore year. It's older than Alter, but it serves its purpose just as well.
- Professors are incredibly accommodating, so make sure you let them know about the stuff going on in your life on the very first day of class. For example, I let them know I'm a commuter because weather, traffic and etc. may hinder my ability to arrive to class on time.



day to day and focus on the positives. With great change comes even greater opportunity. You got this.

- Take as much advantage of Club Day as you can. From the freebies, to the people, to the (hopefully) nice weather, Xavier's clubs only have a mass gathering like this twice a year. Sign up for as many clubs as you can.
- Be careful with the printing system. You get \$80 every semester, where every page costs a couple cents — plenty for some people, but not enough for others. Look out for your theater friends and consider lending them your printing money. Because they will run out pretty quickly.
- Don't panic! Live



Libra: Got so much stuff on your floor you literally can't see it anymore? Same. Leave it. No judgment here.



Scorpio: Buy a planner with "I am very busy" written on the front to motivate you to live up to that thing's expectations.



Sagittarius: When all else fails, play dead. You can't reply to emails or pack or get all your life obligations done when you're dead, right?



Capricorn: Double check Rate My Profesor, my dudes, before it's too late.



Aquarius: Pennies cost more to make than they're worth, so why does it feel good to find one on the sidewalk? Work those glutes and snatch it up, girl.



Pisces: Just remember that canceled plans = more time to catch up on all that good stuff on Netflix. Or, y'know, mentally prepare yourself for school.